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FRI		
High		Low
87°		72°
SAT		
High		Low
90°		72°
SUN		
High		Low
87°		71°

Armed suspects nabbed



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Two suspects armed with a Ruger 9mm handgun attempting to gain entry to the Garrison through Gate 1 were stopped Aug. 12.

Military Police Staff Sgt. Chris McCormick, Sgt. Martha Shewey, Sgt. John Snider and Spc. Joshua Fields of the 304th Military Police Company out of Bluefield, W.Va., caught the suspects at 5 p.m.

Following the arrest, the suspects were taken into custody by Hinesville authorities where they were wanted for questioning in a local theft, said a spokesperson for the department.

A “be on the lookout” was posted by local authorities identifying a black Jeep Cherokee

with a white male and black male suspects, said Maj. Thomas Byrd, 3rd MP Battalion executive officer.

The vehicle without a Department of Defense vehicle sticker was waved through the gate to get registration when the Reservists heard the BOLO.

“They put two and two together and called us,” said Byrd.

McCormick said that the excitement climaxed when the firearm came into view and they were required to assume a deadly force posture.

“We walked up to the vehicle, the guy gets out, we have control of him, and then the gun comes out,” he recounted.

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Community shows support ...



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Attendees of the Community-Wide Service of Shared Grief, Appreciation and Solidarity Aug. 10 at Olvey Field. The ceremony was held so community members could show there support for servicemembers. For story and photos, see Page 2A.

U.S.-Latin American aerial drug interdiction program is resurrected

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

BOGOTA, Colombia — A U.S.-Latin American aerial drug interdiction program that had been conducted over the skies of countries like Colombia has been reinstated, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced here Tuesday.

Rumsfeld, accompanied by Colombian Minister of Defense Marta Lucia Ramirez de Rincon, said President Bush had reauthorized the program. It had been suspended for two years after a plane carrying an American missionary was shot down in Peru.

Air interdiction “is a regional issue” that affects all of Latin America, Rumsfeld pointed out, involving efforts to eradicate the sale and distribution of “drugs, as well as weapons.”

Rumsfeld also met with numerous senior Colombian officials, including Ramirez de Rincon, President Alvaro Uribe and Gen. Jorge Enrique Mora Rangel, commander of Colombia’s armed forces.

The U.S. defense secretary said he was impressed with the Colombian government’s “conviction, passion and determination” in fighting narcoterrorism over the past year since Uribe took office Aug. 7, 2002.

Rumsfeld drew a parallel between Colombia’s struggle against the narcoterrorists who are funding the insurgent FARC terror group and the broader war on world terrorism.

“It is a global war” that affects myriad nations, including Colombia, the secretary said, noting the United States is “proud to be partners with Colombia in addressing the global war on terrorism.”

The United States, Rumsfeld said, is committed to assist nations such as Colombia in combating terrorism. He pointed out that America and its Latin American neighbors share a common interest to keep the Western Hemisphere free from the specters of terrorism and drug

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Ceremony welcomes new ADC(M)

Staff Report

The Fort Stewart community came together Friday at Club Stewart to welcome Col. Robert L. Caslen, Jr., incoming assistant division commander (maneuver).

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) was present and played the “Dog Face Soldier” and “The Army Song.” Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, assistant division commander (support), was the guest speaker.

“It is a wonderful day to be a ‘Dog Face Soldier,’” Riojas said. “I couldn’t ask for a better wingman.”

Caslen was commissioned as a lieutenant of Infantry from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He then started his career with the 9th Inf. Div. at Fort Lewis, Wash. He served as a rifle platoon leader, company executive

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Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Col. Robert L. Caslen Jr. speaks at his welcome ceremony Friday.

Officials: No intention of lowering pay for troops in Iraq, Afghanistan

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials have no intention of lowering total compensation for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Defense Department’s top personnel officer said Aug. 14.

David S.C. Chu, defense undersecretary for personnel and readiness, took questions from the media on the topic in response to published media reports suggesting DoD would cut the pay of forces serving overseas in the war on terrorism.

At issue are temporary increases Congress approved in April for two forms

of compensation: imminent danger pay and family separation allowance. Imminent danger pay went from \$150 per month to \$225, while family separation pay increased from \$100 to \$250 per month. The two increases are set to expire Sept. 30, and defense officials have urged Congress not to extend them, saying they are unfunded.

Chu stressed, this doesn’t mean troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan will see a cut in their total take-home pay. “We are not going to reduce their compensation,” Chu said.

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Community shows its support to soldiers, families

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Throughout the deployment of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), the members of Hinesville and the surrounding community have worked to support the soldiers and families through organizations making ribbons to businesses displaying signs and walls of honor.

To show their continued support, residents of Liberty County held a community-wide service of shared grief, appreciation and solidarity Aug. 10 on Olvey Field.

The ceremony began with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) color guard marching across the field to post the colors.

"We gathered to memorialize, and to show our appreciation and solidarity for the soldiers and families of the 3rd Infantry Division," said Reverend Philip Byler, senior pastor of Bethesda Church in Hinesville.

The evening ceremony was filled with an outpouring of prayers, scripture and singing throughout the event.

Hinesville Mayor Thomas Ratcliffe offered words of comfort to the families and friends of the fallen 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers.

"I and the nation can not remain silent in the face of such sacrifice. They laid their lives down at the altar of freedom," Ratcliffe said. "Those we honor tonight are part of the millions that have sacrificed for the steward of liberty."

He said out of their sacrifice and death comes a rebirth of liberty.

After the mayor spoke, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith read the names of the 38 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers that fell during Operation Iraqi Freedom followed by a minute of silence in memoriam.

As the minute ended, Pfc. Rafael Ramos, bugler for the 3rd Inf. Div. Band, played "Taps."

The crowd raised their voices in prayer to heaven before the reading of Psalms 107: 1-9 and 98: 4-6.

The ceremony moved into its second part as Sonny Dixon, WTOC anchor, took to the stage to welcome soldiers home.

Dixon quoted Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, who said that all of the servicemembers who left were Georgians in spirit.

He added that he was deeply affected by the deployment and was gripped with concern, but at the same time was filled with pride for all of our fighting men and women.

"It's obvious that there were more units involved, but no other unit committed themselves as much as the 3rd Infantry Division," Dixon said. "To not only the soldiers, but their families as well job well done — it was shock and awe. Welcome home!"

Georgia Representative Al Williams, District 128, expressed the gratitude that the citizens of Liberty County feel to the soldiers.

"It's fitting this evening that we (show) the nation that Liberty County has a deep and abiding gratitude to the 3rd Infantry Division and that we say thank you," he said. "We have never had a group that we are more proud of than the 3rd Infantry Division."

He continued this community stands solidly behind the soldiers and wants the world to know it.

"We will be forever grateful for your service," Williams said.

A prayer of gratitude for the safe return of so many was followed with the singing of "Lord You are Good."

The community choir raised the spirits of the crowd with "Jesus, I Love You."

Georgia Representative Buddy DeLoach, District 172, provided words of support for the troops that are currently deployed.

"We are not only defending our liberty but are bringing freedom to people around the world," he said.

DeLoach said, the nation will not be timid. No matter where terrorists hide, we will go after them.

"While we grieve the lost of soldiers and celebrate those who have come back ... we can not forget that the struggle continues," DeLoach said.

John McIver, chairman Liberty County Board of Commissioners, offered words of solidarity with spouses, children and family members.

He said, "As each of you await the return of your spouse, we as a community recognize your ongoing sacrifice of you and your soldier."

"Our soldiers provide a sense of security ... and we stand behind our soldiers."



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

The 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) color guard brings the colors onto the field before the playing of the national anthem Aug. 10 on Olvey Field.



(Above) Members of the crowd get into the mood as the choir leads them in "Amazing Grace." (Right) The community-wide choir raises the spirits of the crowd as they sing "Jesus, I Love You."



Pfc. Rafael Ramos, bugler for the 3rd Inf. Div. Band, plays "Taps" during the ceremony.

Sen. Chambliss pays visit to soldiers



Spc. Jimmy Lane

Sen. Saxby Chambliss greets soldiers during a luncheon at the DIVARTY dining facility. The senator ate with 25 soldiers during his visit to Fort Stewart Friday.

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

To show support for soldiers and family members returning from Iraq, Sen. Saxby Chambliss spent Friday visiting Fort Stewart and meeting with soldiers.

Saxby began his visit by having lunch at the Division Artillery dining facility with 25 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers. After lunch, he thanked the soldiers for the job they had done in the desert.

He offered to listen to soldier comments about being deployed, being in the army and any issues they may have had. One soldier gave Chambliss some Iraqi paper currency, his first souvenir from the war.

“It’s a good sign of support,” said Sgt. Christopher Lewis, a medic with the 3rd Forward Support Battalion. “It feels good to know that somebody is thankful for what we did over there.”

“The price of freedom is not cheap, Chambliss said. “Your willingness to sacrifice is incredible, and I’m just here to say thank you, and that I have the greatest respect for you. You are the kind of folks that make our army

“You are the kind of folks that make our army the best in the world.”

Saxby Chambliss
Georgia Senator

the best in the world.”

After leaving the chow hall, Chambliss visited “Warriors Walk” with Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, assistant division commander (support). Warrior’s Walk is a memorial dedicated to the 38 fallen 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Saxby ended his visit by meeting with the press in Marne Garden. He once again thanked the soldiers publicly who had returned from Iraq.

“The men and women who wear full gear and packs on their backs and carry weapons in that hot desert are some real heroes,” said Chambliss. “Anyone serving in the armed forces is a hero, not just the people who went overseas.”

NCOA, PLDC celebrate 25th anniversary

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

The Fort Stewart Noncommissioned Officer Academy held its first ball Aug. 15 at Club Stewart. The ball commemorates the 25th anniversary of the academy as well as the Primary Leadership Development Course.

“We made the decision to have the ball when we realized it was the 25th anniversary of the academy. We looked for a date and we just happened to approach the academy’s birthday,” explained 1st Sgt. Wayne L. Williams, deputy commandant.

The academy has a lot to celebrate this year. For the first time, many young leaders trained there, proved their ability in actual, not simulated, combat, and the acade-

my was recommended for the Institution of Excellence award, following accreditation in July — “only the second out of (more than 90 academies),” said Williams.

“The other one is Fort Bliss, Tx. (home of the Sergeants Major Academy)”

The ball began with a receiving line and the posting of the colors, by the NCOA color guard. After that, Williams led the mess with an invocation and the history of the academy was told.

A fallen comrades ceremony featured soldiers in period dress. They represented soldiers in every major American war from the American Revolution through 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The special guest for the evening

was Robert E. Hall, former academy commandant and later Sergeant Major of the Army. Taking the audience by surprise at first, Hall began by telling anecdotes. He told the mess about a conversation he had with Command Sgt. Maj. Albert D. Newton, commandant. Hall said he was looking at the sequence of events in the program.

“You’ve got it all wrong,” he told the commandant, “it says that the guest speaker is after the intermission.

“I know that if I was in that mess and the program said guest speaker after intermission ... I wouldn’t come back!”

When he was finished telling jokes, Hall moved on to more serious matters and remembered times

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Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Soldiers in period dress represent Americans in every major war. The soldiers stacked their rifles in memory of those who fell in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Soldiers paying the price for freedom appreciate support from fellow Americans

Michel E. Dukes
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Regardless of personal opinions for or against military action in Afghanistan and Iraq thousands of American patriots are carrying out orders to liberate and protect people who are defenseless against oppressive dictators.

Soldiers are putting their lives on the line to help people they don't know. Since the War on Terror began in the fall of 2001, Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington has had its hands full tending to those who have been wounded or have become sick in the line of duty.

Dozens Purple Hearts have been in private bedside ceremonies at the medical center. The former Army chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric K. Shinseki put it best when he said to family members of recipients, "This is a medal no soldier seeks or wishes for. But it's something they paid for with their own sweat and blood."

I've been present for many of these private ceremonies and was amazed how, despite their war-torn condition, many of these soldiers stood at attention as they were pinned.

Some of the soldiers who went to Walter Reed have lost legs, arms and suffered injuries that will be with them the rest of their lives. I was amazed at the high spirits and positive attitude many of these soldiers had. Their determination and perseverance makes me proud to be working at our nation's largest and most prestigious military medical center.

We don't see their faces in the news anymore, but we still get new patients weekly. The media frenzy is gone, but the soldiers are not forgotten. You won't often see in the news, but some pretty big celebrities have been stopping by to visit these patients let them know they appreciate their contributions and sacrifices.

A few months ago, singer Sheryl Crow stopped by to perform bedside songs. I remember a young female soldier in a wheelchair had tears rolling down her cheeks as Crow performed "Strong Enough."

When actor Ben Vereen visited, he spent about 15 minutes at each soldier's bedside, with their hand in his, looking them straight in the eyes saying that getting better was up to them. It didn't matter how bad the doctors thought the outlook was, he said. "It's got to come from within your heart. You have to want it and believe you're going to get better." I think just about every soldier he visited had watery eyes when he left — he truly touched them.

When country singer Randy Travis visited, he asked each soldier where they were from, what they were doing when they were wounded, and if they planned on staying in the Army. The soldiers said they would stay in if they were able to. A couple said they couldn't wait to get back to Iraq to be with their buddies again.

There have been quite a few professional athletes and entertainers who cared enough to stop by and say "hello" and talk to the soldiers. There were no video crews or reporters present during their visits — these were private visits for the wounded soldiers.

While these celebrities might not endorse war, they do support those who dare to stand up and fight for the freedoms all Americans enjoy.

Walter Reed has treated war wounded since World War I. Just about every war presented similar injuries to our troops — bullets, bombs and land mines have tried to thwart the moral and patriotism of these young men and women. The



Sgt. Amy Abbott

Soldiers from the 2nd platoon of B Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment train on room- and trench-clearing procedures in Kuwait March 16. The "Viper" platoon, from Fort Riley, Kan., is part of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of V Corps' 1st Infantry Division.

faces and the names have changed, but the spirit is the same — one of patriotism and perseverance.

One thing that has helped them through the years is support from here at home. It didn't matter that they were thousands of miles away, the fact that someone at home cared was enough to get them through what they thought were their darkest hours. But when things got worse, and they became casualties of war, this support was more important than ever.

So I encourage everyone, whether you believe war is right or not, to support our troops, just like Sheryl Crow, Ben Vereen, Michael Jordan, Randy Travis and countless others are doing.

Though you might not see the faces of the young soldiers being treated at Walter Reed, it's important to remember they are more than just casualty numbers reported in the news — they are our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, friends, neighbors and fellow Americans.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Do you think it's important to remember the sacrifices soldiers have made?

"Yes, because they were fighting for freedom, and the world should be thankful for their sacrifices."

Zaury Colon
Spouse



"Yes, you should never forget those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to accomplish the mission."

Larry D. Hudson Jr.
Boot Technician

"Yes, because they sacrificed alot by going to war and being away from their families."

Leana M. Carballo
Spouse



"Of course, because they leave their reflection on everybody, especially the soldiers in their unit."

Spc. Krystal A. Brooks
11th Engineers

"Yes, because they risked their lives to save lives and protect people above and beyond the call of duty."

Candice Spieden
Family Member



"Yes, because they gave their lives for America, and it was hard on families being away from their soldiers."

Petra Weber
Family Member

That young man of mine

*He left one cold, winter day
Onward to serve his country in a land
far away
That boy of mine*

*Entered Iraq March 20 of 2003
Embedded with the Division of Artillery
That boy of mine*

*No call, no mail and weeks slowly
slipped by
Praying day and night, glued to TV
Watching intently perchance to see
Those beautiful blue eyes of that boy of mine*

*April came and passed into May
President Bush declared victory
Major combat over he said
Troops wounded, battle weary
Some paid the supreme sacrifice
And I realized my boy had become a man*

*Sense of humor in tack
Fell off a truck nearly 9 feet and yet
"Only the left side of my body in pain. .
.lol
Managed to salvage my glasses. .lol"*

*That funny young man of mine
Emails finally came, and then
Time marched on - no word again
He requested to switch with a friend
The friend to return to wife and children
That unselfish young man of mine*

*Imbedded with DMAIN
Legal Specialist is his game
No demands except - "Please send
Tang!"
We're all sending boxes to end his pangs
That sweet young man of mine*

*Pride, concern, love, anxious moments
Wondering if all is well
Only God knows where in that far land
My young man now dwells*

*News Release dated July 7 of 2003
Major Blount graciously stated in the
entry
3rd ID deploying by end of August
That happy young man of mine*

*In the midst of the anticipated home-
coming
A storm of disappointment arose*

*Seems our troops must stay awhile
longer
Christmas now their goal
That frustrated young man of mine*

*Promoted on the tarmac to SPC
Bagdad Airport to 2nd BCT
A little Iraqi town called Fallujah
People very hostile to our soldiers
That apprehensive young man of mine*

*Dear Jesus, Prince of Peace, Precious
Friend
Keep my son in Your loving care to the
end
As he willingly fights for our freedom
That brave young man of mine*

*The long awaited day finally came
Plane arrived, bused to Cottrell Field
Roses, balloons and banners all said:
"Welcome Home, Brent! We Love You!"
That honored young man of mine*

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Eastern Equine Encephalitis found on Stewart

Entomologist says preventing is easy

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs Officer

Mosquitoes on Fort Stewart tested positive for Eastern equine encephalitis. However, no human or bird cases have been reported on Fort Stewart or in its surrounding areas, though according to the Georgia Division of Public Health, one horse case has been reported in Liberty county.

Mosquito-borne Eastern equine encephalitis is not at all a new development to this area and has had a limited number of confirmed cases throughout U.S. history. According

to studies performed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 153 cases of EEE have been confirmed since 1964.

“We know Eastern equine encephalitis has been here historically, so we don’t believe this is an outbreak, we’re just detecting the low levels that exist in the area already,” said Fort Stewart entomologist Capt. Robert Lowen.

“However, we have increased installation-wide surveillance, spraying ... and larvaciding and are spreading the word for people to protect themselves from mosquitoes,” he said.

EEE, like West Nile virus, is transmitted to humans, birds and animals, usually horses, through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Young children and the elderly are at the highest risk of becoming ill.

Lowering your risk of contracting EEE and other mos-

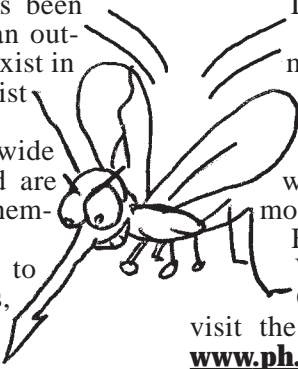
quito-borne illnesses is not very difficult, Lowen said.

When outside from dusk until dawn, wear long sleeves and pants and use an insect repellant containing 30 percent DEET.

To get rid of mosquitoes at home, keep the lawn mowed and flush out or dispose of empty containers with standing water, such as birdbaths and plant bowls.

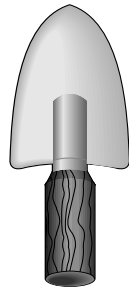
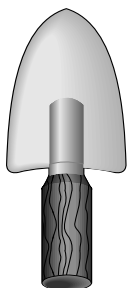
This is important, Lowen said, because “two weeks of standing water pumps out a generation of mosquitoes.”

For more information about EEE or West Nile Virus, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov, call CDC public information line at 1-800-311-3435 or visit the Georgia Division of Public Health website at www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us. They can be reached by phone at (404) 657-2700 during normal business hours Monday to Friday.



If you accidentally discover an archaeological site on Fort Stewart:

1. Cease what you are doing immediately.
2. Notify Range Control at 767-8777.
3. Do not attempt to unearth the object or remove it.



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Despite the tension that the incident caused, McCormick said it was a successful apprehension.

"Nobody got shot, nobody got hurt," he said.

"They would have had weapons in the bar-

racks," said Byrd. "You can imagine the possibilities."

Shewey said she was positive about the capture, because it will boost many peoples confidence in Army Reservists' ability to perform on active duty.

"We got the bad guys ... I guess it's a good day to be called in on your day off," she said.

Later in the week, Col. John M. Kidd, garrison commander, awarded the Reservists actionary Army Commendation Medals for their conduct during the incident.

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officer, mortar platoon leader, and company commander in the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 47th Inf. Regiment.

He then served in several positions on the faculty at West Point, including Army football coach and company tactical officer in the 1st Regiment, Corps of Cadets.

Afterwards, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky. From June to December 1992, he was assigned to Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras as the Director, J-3.

Caslen then commanded the 1st Battalion,

14th Inf. Reg., 25th Inf. Div. (Light), at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, from 193 to 1995.

He then deployed with the 25th Div. to Haiti and served as the XO to the Commander of the Multi-National Forces, and the to the Commander of the U.S. Forces United Nations Command during Operations Restore and Uphold Democracy.

From 1996 to 1997, he served as the senior brigade C-2 observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

In August 1997, he returned to the 101st Airborne Div. as the division/installation chief

of staff. Afterwards, he commanded the 2nd Bde.

Following his brigade command, he assumed duties on the Joint Staff as the assistant deputy director for strategy and policy.

He then deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan in May 2002 as the chief of staff of the Coalition Task Force Mountain, 10th Mountain Div. In September 2002 he returned to Fort Drum, N.Y. and served as the division/installation chief of staff of the 10th Mountain Div.

"I've been here a couple weeks," Caslen said. "We have much to look forward to this year."

NCOA

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when people said American soldiers weren't tough enough to be victorious in war.

"Sergeant major, you've put all of those nay-sayers to rest," he told Newton.

This brought Hall to recall his time as commandant at the NCOA. He said that being Sergeant Major of the Army was nothing compared to being commandant of the academy. In other positions he was able to raise standards to make his soldiers and units more acute.

When he took command of the academy from Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Bullard that wasn't the case.

"How do you take over something that's running perfectly?" he thanked Bullard who was in attendance.

"I worked my butt off to keep it running the way it was!" exclaimed Hall.

Attendees of the ball got to hear Hall tell the true story of how the PLDC came to be. Like Jim Williams telling John Berendt the real history of the Mercer House in Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, PLDC also had humbler beginnings than many are told.

In 1979, as Drill Sergeant of the Year, Hall was sent by the Training and Doctrine Command command sergeant major to halt a program at Fort Stewart. Soldiers here had two separate courses, one for combat arms and one for support, combined into one course.

"It was not a Department of the Army approved course," he said.

Hall saw how well the soldiers worked and how much they were learning and growing as leaders, and he called back TRADOC and told them how well the academy was running. After seeing it, the sergeant major agreed and PLDC was born and soon became the Army-wide standard.

"The Army is so much better off because of what we do, and what we've done."

HeThey key to being a good leader is to know three questions that soldiers will ask. If you have the right answer, then soldiers will respect and follow you.

"1. Can I trust you?

"2. Are you committed to excellence?"

"3. Do you care about me?"

Hall received an extended standing ovation from the mess, and Newton felt it was the perfect way to mark a historic event in the history of the NCOA.

"A ball is a night that the cadre can come together to celebrate their accomplishments. I'm very proud that (Hall) accepted the invitation to be our guest. I just want to pass on and preserve the heritage and history of the academy," he said.

"When we were young soldiers, we all thought that Sergeant Major of the Army is the highest goal you can reach in your career, and you've actually reached that (pinnacle)," stated Williams.

Hall said he was very grateful for to have been given the opportunity to speak.

"I was honored that the commandant called. This was probably the best job I ever had," he said.

It was bittersweet Hall felt, because there are still so many soldiers overseas.

"I remember when I came back from Desert Storm on Cottrell Field. You've done a great job with Cottrell Field, and you've done a great job with (Warriors) Walk," he said.

Earlier in the day, Hall toured the academy to see how it has evolved. He commented on the computerized learning, saying that it was necessary to keep up with technology.

"I think you have to use those innovations. The good news is we're still teaching soldiers."

Newton plans to make the NCOA ball a yearly event. He also said that training is going to become even more advanced when laptop computers will be installed at every desk, and sergeants-in-training will have a direct link to their chain of command. This will give them added responsibility making them even more prepared when they graduate.

He added, "You can look forward to our future leaders."

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Another senior official called the notion that the Pentagon would cut pay to combat troops "absurd."

Instead, the Defense Department would prefer to compensate the troops through other means. "We have some incentive pay with which we can compensate people in Iraq (and Afghanistan) should the current allowance provisions expire," Chu said. Among these are hardship duty pay and incentive pay, he added.

Officials haven't worked out all the details yet, at least in part because Congress may still approve extending the increases in those two allowances, which the department would then have to find a way to pay for, Chu said.

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and weapons trafficking.

He also praised the strategy the Colombian government is employing against terrorists inside its borders, adding that "good progress" is being made.

The Colombian defense minister lauded Rumsfeld for his leadership in the global war on terror, noting that her government is convinced of ultimate victory over the terrorists.

"We're going down the right path," Ramirez de Rincon emphasized.

Both Rumsfeld and Ramirez de Rincon expressed their condolences for the victims of the Aug. 19 truck bombing of a U.N. headquarters building in Baghdad. The blast killed at least 20 people, including Brazilian Sergio Vieira de Mello, the top U.N. envoy in Iraq, while wounding more than 100.

The Baghdad bombing, Rumsfeld said, was definitely an act of terrorism against the Iraqi people. In fact, half of the persons killed in the blast were Iraqi U.N. employees, according to news reports.

However, the U.S. and its coalition allies "will not be dissuaded nor deterred," Rumsfeld vowed, in assisting the Iraqi people in establishing a representative government of their own choosing to replace the corrupt, despotic regime of deposed dictator Saddam Hussein.



Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Pfc. Bradly Rokicki, paralegal specialist at HHC, 3rd inf. Div., hugs his mother Valerie. Bradley's father, brother and two aunts also attended the welcome home ceremony.

Family, friends welcome home Marne soldiers with open arms

Staff Report

More than 100 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers returned home to Fort Stewart Aug. 14, welcomed by families and friends at Caro Field. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Inf. Div., HHC, 123rd Signal Battalion, 703rd Main Support Bn. were some of the units that returned. Families and friends started cheering at the first site of the buses coming down the road. As the soldiers loaded off the bus and started forming a formation they (families) started looking for their loved ones.

"I was apprehensive for him," said

Meldora Rapp, mother of Spc. Brent Rapp, HHC, 3rd Inf. Div. "I talked to him before he left and haven't talked to him since."

"It is wonderful that he is coming home," she said. "I have been communicating with him through e-mail, and he has seemed pretty up beat."

Before being reunited with their families the soldiers sang the "Dog Face Soldier" and the "Army Song."

The troop commander was given the command to release the soldiers and quicker than you could say fall out, families came rushing from the stand to meet their soldier.

Pfc. Bradley Rokicki's father, Ron,

his mother, Valerie; and his brother Alex Begs; Cheri Taylor and Delecia Wood, Rokicki's aunts, were in the greeting party. Breadley is a paralegal specialist at HHC, 3rd Inf. Div.

"We are proud of him, he asked to go and that is what he wanted to do," Ron said. "It is an awesome feeling to have him back. Coworkers and friends always asked about him."

At time it was stressful, but now there is relief, he said.

The crowd of soldiers, families and friends filled the field. There were dozens of smiles, hugs and kisses. Once again families were reunited after months of being apart.



August 2003 Schedule

Marne TV and the Marne Report can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every day of the week. Tune in to the Marne Report seven times a day for the latest from Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF

5:00am	Army Newswatch
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6:30am-7:30am	Georgia's 3d Infantry Division (UPN special)
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8:30am	Navy News
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Midnight-5:00am	Georgia's 3d Infantry Division (UPN special)

Brother where art thou...

Uniformed siblings reunite in Baghdad

Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson
372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two brothers, soldiers in the U.S. Army, were reunited Friday in Baghdad after both left home to prepare to fight in Iraq more than seven months ago.

Pfc. Eric Lind, 22, an infantryman with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, and Spc. Jason Lind, 20, a heavy construction equipment operator with the 671st Engineer Company, an Army Reserve unit out of Portland, Ore., are brothers who have not seen each other since January.

Even though both knew that the other was in Iraq conducting military operations with their respective units, neither knew where the other was, nor how to get in contact.

"I came here with 3rd Infantry Division, and I will probably leave with 1st Armored Division," said Jason.

"I have been looking for my brother for a while and I couldn't find him, but he found me."

The likelihood of running into a specific individual among thousands of soldiers spread across Iraq is small, but, as fate would have it, Eric's eyes were observant enough to recognize his brother's unit designation on some engineer equipment during a routine trip to Baghdad International Airport, he said.

"One time, we went to BIAP and I

noticed some pontoon bridges all folded up," said Eric. "I looked over and saw '671st' and thought 'that looks awfully familiar.' So we went back two weeks later to stop by, and we surprised him pretty good."

Eric coordinated with A Company's 1st Sgt. Alec Lazore in order to make the brothers' reunion a memorable one.

"I was scared when we first saw each other because his first sergeant was about ready to smoke me; asking me all these questions," Jason said. "I was stuttering, and then Eric popped out. It was really nice because I have been looking for him for a while, so it was pretty exciting."

Although the brothers have been thousands of miles apart at times, the environment of the military has helped fill the relationship gap left by the absence of their sibling.

"It feels awkward talking and hanging out. We have never even seen each other in (Desert Camouflage) or (Battle Dress) uniform before," said Jason. "It seems like we have not been apart even though all we have been through here in Baghdad."

"One thing I do like about my job is the camaraderie and brotherhood that develops, and when you go out and do missions, the guys with you almost become like brothers to you," Eric said.

"That is why it feels like we have not been apart, because I have always had friends to fall back on as brothers."



Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson
(Left) Brothers Jason, right, and Eric embrace, after recounting the circumstances that reunited them half-way around the world from their home, in Baghdad Aug. 15.
(Above) Eric, left, and Jason Lind, joke about the funny circumstances that reunited them. Eric coordinated with his company 1st Sergeant to make the reunion with his younger brother a memorable one.

CENTCOM News

One killed, one injured after convoy fired upon

BAGHDAD, Iraq — One 3rd Corps Support Command soldier was killed and another injured in a two-vehicle accident while driving south on the main supply route southeast of the town of Ad Diwaniyah.

The soldiers were driving in a supply convoy of Palletized Loading System vehicles when they received small arms fire and struck another vehicle. Both soldiers are attached to the 3rd COSCOM operating out of Kuwait.

Security, medical and recovery assets were dispatched to the scene. One soldier died as a result of the accident. The other soldier was treated and returned to duty.

The soldier’s name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The incident is under investigation.

Attack Kills one, injures two

BAGHDAD, Iraq — One U.S. citizen working as a contracted interpreter was killed and two U.S. soldiers were wounded in a small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenade attack in Tikrit Wednesday.

The victims were all evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital for treatment.

The interpreter died of wounds received.

The interpreter’s and the soldiers’ names are being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

The incident is under investigation.

Coalition has custody of one more ‘top 55’

MACDILL AFB, Fla. — Taha Yasin Ramadan al-Jizrawi, number 20 on the coalition’s list of most wanted government officials, is now under custody of coalition forces. The former Iraqi Vice President was captured by Kurdish forces then turned over to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Tuesday.

Coalition Forces will continue to work at apprehending former members of the Saddam Hussein regime.

Soldier killed by explosives

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A 1st Armored Division soldier was

killed by an explosive device Monday .

The incident took place in the Karadah District at 2p.m. The soldier was medically evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 3:15 p.m.

The soldier’s name is being withheld pending notification of his next of kin.

Reporter killed near Abu Ghyriab

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition forces engaged an individual in the vicinity of the Abu Ghyriab prison Aug 17. The individual was later identified as a reporter.

The individual was evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival.

The individual’s name and organization are being withheld pending the notification of next of kin.

The incident is currently under investigation.

Former regime loyalist detained

BA’QUBAH, Iraq — Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division detained Said Ali Al Karim, a cleric in Ba’qubah Aug 11, pending charges of distributing materials to incite violence against Coalition forces, funding attacks against Coalition forces, and possession of illegal weapons.

Fourth Infantry Division soldiers conducted a raid on his home August 10.

The Division conducted a previous raid on his home July 3. As a result of the information found during the second raid, Said Ali Al Karim was taken into custody.

Documents asking the Iraqi people to fight against U.S. forces and one letter supporting the September 11th attacks against the United States were retrieved from Said Ali Al Karim’s home.

Additional documents found were checks to other suspected former regime loyalists, as well as a one billion Iraqi Dinar stock receipt from Saddam’s bank issued to an individual in the former regime.

In April 2003 he issued a Fatwa to wage a holy war against U.S. Forces.

Karim is also suspected of placing a 50 million Iraqi Dinar bounty on a U.S. commander. Weapons seized during the raids included AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenade equipment.

Said Ali Al Karim, known as “The Prophet,” is a former regime loyalist leader, a member of the former Ba’athist party and a counselor to Saddam Hussein.

Troops, Iraqi people working to make country secure

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi citizens continue to cooperate with Coalition forces, preventing attacks and breaking up a counterfeit operation.

Local citizens prevented two possible attacks by informing 1st Armored Division soldiers of the location of improvised explosive devices. In the first incident, a taxi driver reported the location of a possible IED to soldiers on patrol. An explosive ordnance team determined the IED was a 155 mm shell with a circuit board and wires. The EOD team disabled the device.

The other IED location tip came from a walk in source. Upon arrival, the unit found a 105 mm round with wiring set to detonate in a white bag with two rocket-propelled grenade rounds beside it.

The 1st Armored Div., acting on a tip from a local source regarding a possible counterfeit money operation raided a house in Baghdad Aug 12. In the raid, 1st Armored Div. confiscated millions of uncut counterfeit Dinar, pictures of Saddam, copiers, computers and various weapons. In another house search, 1st Armored Div. seized more than 4 million Iraqi Dinar; an assortment of weapons and more than 500 hundred rounds of small arms ammunition.

In other operations, the 4th Infantry Division and elements from their task force, detained four suspected former regime loyalists, in a raid conducted near Tikrit Aug. 12. In other operations, 4th Inf. Div. detained four additional individuals. Confiscated weapons include 98 rocket-propelled grenades rounds, 33 rounds of 82 mm mortars, 12 AK-47s, one 60 mm mortar tube, 43 rounds of 60 mm mortar. Additionally, 4.6 million Iraqi Dinar and military uniforms and helmets were confiscated.

In the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force area of operation, Iraqi police turned in two SA-7 missiles, six anti-tank rockets, four 82 mm mortar tubes and two cans of .50-caliber ammunition they discovered in a warehouse in Al Hillah. In another weapons find, a local source turned in more than 50 rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

In the past 24 hours, coalition forces conducted 13 raids, 843-day patrols and 639 night patrols. The units also conducted 143-day patrols and 100 night patrols with Iraqi police.

Editor’s note: *Information for CENTCOM News was taken from CENTCOM press releases.*

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Vets review work 50 years later



Courtesy photo

A soldier from 1/39 FA helps a member of the tour climb up into an MLRS Aug. 2 during a tour for veterans, widows and family members of soldiers from the 169th Construction Engineers who served in Korea from January 1954 to February 1955.

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

The surviving members of a unit that played a vital role in constructing Fort Stewart returned here August 2 for the first time since they were transferred to reserve status in 1955.

The 169th Construction Engineers Battalion constructed many of the post's first roads, bridges and railroad tracks while the unit was stationed here from January 1954 to February 1955, said Gail Aldridge, community relations specialist, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Public Affairs Office.

Five of the unit's veterans, along with widows and family members, visited Fort Stewart as part of the unit's 13th reunion since its service years.

The former soldiers were glad to see the progress at Fort Stewart since their time here, she said. All five commented on the tents they lived in and the C and K Rations they ate while they were active.

The group started its tour with a visit to the Fort Stewart Museum, Aldridge said.

After seeing the exhibits, they were met by seven soldiers from 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment who had recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, she

said. The soldiers told them about their experiences in Iraq and showed them a static display of one of the battalion's Multiple Launch Rocket Systems.

The soldiers and their families were treated to lunch in the Division Artillery Dining Facility before going to the Georgia Army National Guard off post to tour the Minuteman Chapel, Aldridge said.

The chapel, which was the first on Fort Stewart, was a special part of the tour for two of the group's members. Debbie Cook Vogel, the daughter of Cecil H. Cook, one of the unit's members, was christened there after being born at Fort Stewart in 1954. It was the first time either had been back.

"This was certainly a memorable visit after so many years," Vogel said. "We appreciate everything that was done to make this possible for us."

The tour ended with a visit to the Memorial Walk for the 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Aldridge said.

The 169th was incorporated as the 423rd Construction Engineers Battalion in June 1953 at Camp Rucker, Ala. When the unit moved to Fort Stewart in January 1954, it included more than 200 soldiers and 40 pieces of equipment. The unit was re-designated when it moved to Fort Stewart.

Visit honors Korea Vets

Jennifer Wingfield

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

Col. Thomas Torrance, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Division Artillery commander, was the keynote speaker during a reception in Glennville Sunday honoring veterans who served during the Korean Conflict.

During his speech, Torrance reminded those present that the conflict was the first major fight that Americans had been hurled into without any warning at all and the first war to break out

during the Nuclear Age.

He also stated that the visibility of the Korean War was not present due to the infancy of television, and therefore its images and sounds were not projected daily into American minds as they would be a decade later with Vietnam.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War on July 27, 1953.

Nida Hays, adjutant for the Glennville Veterans of Foreign Wars 8379, gave the statistics of Georgia involvement in the con-

flict: 75,000 men and women served; 740 killed in action; 1040 wounded in action; 2701 died in captivity; and 8100 missing in action.

Veterans present at the reception who had served during the Korean Conflict period from June 1950 to July 1953 were recognized for their contribution.

Others present to pay tribute to the veterans included the mayor of Glennville, Jean Bridges; Representative Bert Oliver; and other local business representatives and friends.



Jennifer Wingfield

Col. Thomas Torrance discusses history with Norman Davisworth.



Practice Safe Biking...

Always Wear a Helmet!

Combat war hero visits Korean Memorial

Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Decked out in a heavily starched, sharply creased khaki Army uniform and highly polished black shoes, Bob Barfield, 69, was the epitome of a proud soldier as he strolled around the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

With him was his wife, Debbie, affectionately known as “J.J.,” and their Chihuahua, Bambi, decked out in sunglasses, Uncle Sam-type hat and a patriotic-colored “shirt” with a big “Proud to be a Korean War Veteran” button attached.

Debbie Barfield said she and her Korean War veteran husband had come to Washington in 1995 for the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. And, she said, they were back now in July for the 50th anniversary celebration of the armistice that resulted in a cease-fire “because we felt it was something we had to do.”

Debbie is particularly proud of her husband being a combat hero. Affixed to his uniform were ribbons of valor - the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action and the Bronze Star Medal with V for valor. He also wore a Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, parachutist badge, expert rifleman badge and several combat ribbons.

The former sergeant first class said he received the Silver Star in part because he rescued four wounded fellow soldiers, one of whom was his commander, who told Barfield to leave them alone.

Exhibiting the modesty of most battlefield heroes, Barfield said, “I hate to talk about it. But it was under fire and I had orders to leave the dead and wounded lay until morning. But I ignored the orders and rescued the wounded men. One of them was my platoon leader, Lewis Hotelling, who was lieutenant at the time. He lost his leg, and I never located him until 1998 in Hamilton, Ohio. Now we talk two or three times a week.”

Hotelling played a big role in Barfield getting the Silver Star

Medal in 1998, 45 years after his heroic acts during the Battle of Boomerang, which was fought on June 14 and 15, 1953.

It took almost as long, 42 years, for Barfield to receive the Bronze Star Medal for valor prior to the Battle of Boomerang. “Sen. Bob Graham of Florida presented me the Bronze Star with V Device in 1995 for bravery in action in Korean in 1953,” said Barfield.

Barfield hadn’t tried to locate the officer whose life he was credited with saving. “After I got the Bronze Star, my wife kept after me about that,” said the Groveland, Fla., resident. “I told her he was beat up so bad, I know he’d died. But she insisted, so finally I wrote to the Retired Officers Association.

“I just wrote a short letter to Maj. Hotelling saying I was in the Battle of Boomerang with him in 1953 and ‘please let me know if you remember me,’” Barfield said. “The Army found out that he’d survived and stayed in the service after he lost his leg and was a retired major.”

Hotelling called Barfield in August 1998 and later visited him at his home in Tennessee.

“We had a long talk and a long reunion,” Barfield recalled. “The Knoxville News did a big article about us.

“He said he felt like I should have the Medal of Honor and he wrote to the Army awards board requesting that it be awarded to me,” he said. “The board recommended the Silver Star in 1998, because members said there wasn’t enough evidence for the Medal of Honor.

He received the medal on Veterans Day 2000.

In his letter to Army Personnel Command suggesting that Barfield be awarded the Medal of Honor, Hotelling wrote in part, “I reminded Sgt. Barfield my orders were to leave the dead and wounded till daybreak and to leave me and take cover. He ignored my orders. Thank God. Partially carrying, partially dragging me, we ran into

a mass of Chinese soldiers. Dropping me to the ground, Sgt. Barfield laid across me with his own body. In the ensuing firefight, Sgt. Barfield single-handedly killed at least five of the Chinese soldiers. He killed several others before getting me to shelter that night.”

Hotelling said he’d been told that Barfield again went above and beyond the call of duty that night to rescue Pfc. Douglas Ford (who later died on June 19, 1953) and a South Korean soldier from his rifle squad. “Sgt. Barfield rallied the survivors of his squad and several others to form a blocking position to prevent the Chinese infantry from overrunning our command bunker,” he continued.

“He also wrote the president trying to get me the Medal of Honor,” said Barfield, who fought in Korea as a rifleman with the 187th Airborne Infantry from 1952 to 1953. “He got the Silver Star, too, but as far as I’m concerned, he should have gotten the Medal of Honor.

Wounded at the age of 17, Barfield said he volunteered to return to the frontline after about six weeks in the hospital. Reflecting back on that more than 50-year-old decision, Barfield, who was shot through the right shoulder, said, “I was young and stupid to volunteer to go back to the frontline.

“They gave me three profiles and said I wasn’t fit for frontline duty,” he said. “They sent me to Pusan (South Korea) with a bunch of conscientious objectors working in a medical facility. After about a month, I asked for a transfer to any frontline outfit in Korea. So they sent me to the 3rd Infantry Division.”

After the Battle of Boomerang, when he was with the 3rd Infantry Division, the 187th Airborne returned to Korea and asked for all their experienced paratroopers back.

“I was sure they were going to make a combat jump and I wanted to be part of one,” Barfield said.



Rudi Williams

Korean War hero, former Army Sgt. 1st Class Bob Barfield, 69-years-old, proudly wears his more than 50-year-old uniform. He was in Washington for the DoD recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War cease-fire July 27.

“So I volunteered to go back to the 187th Airborne. I left my 3rd ID outfit that had moved off the hill after Boomerang to about five miles behind the line.”

But instead of jumping, the 187th put troops on the frontline as regular infantry. “So I went right back on the frontlines with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team,” he noted.

Barfield spent three years in the Army and was discharged in September 1954. Ten months later, he switched to the Navy, where he remained until 1959. He joined the postal service in 1960 and retired in 1982.

He said he wore his uniform to the memorial because “I’m proud of the uniform and of what we did over there for the Korean people.”

Bush: Global terrorists 'are meeting the fate they chose for themselves' after 9/11

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on America inaugurated the first conflict of the new century, President George Bush told U.S. sailors and Marines at a southern California military base Aug. 14.

“Now you have been called ... to serve in the first war of the 21st century,” Bush declared during his visit to the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, Calif.

The 9-11 assaults which killed thousands of innocent American citizens - awakened the country “to new dangers,” Bush pointed out.

On that day “threats that had gathered far across the world appeared suddenly in our own cities,” the president observed.

“The world changed on that day,” he maintained.

The 9-11 terror attacks demonstrated the damage America’s enemies could inflict on the nation, Bush emphasized, “and the evil they intend.”

Yet, since the attacks, America’s enemies

“have seen the will and the might” of the U.S. military, the commander-in-chief pointed out.

Consequently, global terrorists “are meeting the fate they chose for themselves,” the president declared, noting the United States is “waging a broad and an unrelenting campaign against the global terror network.”

“And,” Bush asserted, “we are winning.”

Al Qaeda terrorists can’t hide, whether they are residing in the “caves and mountains of central Asia, to the islands of the Philippines, to the cities in Pakistan,” Bush observed.

“We are finding them,” the president declared amid enthusiastic clapping and cheers, “and we are bringing them to justice.”

In fact, Bush noted, nearly two-thirds of known al Qaeda leaders and key operatives have been captured or killed.

The president pointed out, however, that al Qaeda members still at large “continue to plot” against America and its allies.

Yet, Bush put global terrorists on notice, declaring, “wherever they are, we will hunt them down, one by one, until they are no

“(We are) waging a broad and unrelenting campaign against the global terror network, and we are winning.”

President George W. Bush

longer a threat to the people who live in the United States of America.”

The president praised the skill and bravery of U.S. service members who had helped remove al Qaeda and their Taliban enablers from Afghanistan and ended Saddam Hussein’s despotic regime in Iraq.

“You can be proud,” Bush told the Marines and sailors, many of whom had served in Afghanistan and Iraq, of helping to liberate the Afghan and Iraqi people from freedom-hating, despotic governments.

“Thugs,” Bush declared, had turned Afghanistan into a training camp for al Qaeda terrorists.

U.S. servicemembers serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere around the globe are enforcing U.S. doctrine, Bush explained, which declares that those who harbor terrorists are just as guilty as the terrorists themselves.

Afghanistan today “is a friend of the United States,” Bush pointed out, and is no longer “a haven” for America’s enemies.

And ongoing security and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, he pointed out, are also part of the war on terrorism.

Saddam Hussein’s now-defunct regime had “persecuted Iraqis, supported terrorists and was armed to threaten the peace of the world,” Bush pointed out.

The world, he said, is now seeing “just how badly the Iraqi people suffered” under the former dictator’s brutal rule.

Iraqis “are seeing a new day,” Bush declared, “thanks to the brave men and women who came to liberate them” from “secret police, arbitrary arrests or loved ones lost forever in mass graves.”

Commissary sale brings increased savings to shoppers

Bonnie Powell
DeCa

FORT LEE, Va. – After back-to-back years of tremendously successful worldwide events, commissary customers have come to look forward to DeCA’s annual “Worldwide Case Lot Sale” and the increased savings that they can achieve.

The Fort Stewart Commissary will hold it’s Case Lot Sale Sept. 19.

“This event is becoming a commissary tradition and this year’s event will be even better,” said Bob Vitikacs, executive director for operations and product support at the Defense Commissary Agency. “Last year we sold nearly \$10 million in product and saved customers more than \$4 million dollars on their purchases.” In the process, military consumers hauled away more than a million cases of product.

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Bob Vitikacs
Defense Commissary Agency

The third annual version of the Worldwide Case Lot Sale will feature a major difference from the previous two years: Commissaries will have the flexibility to hold their sale anytime during the month of September rather than all on the same weekend.

The reason?

“We found that having the sale in every store on the same weekend put a strain on commissary resources and employees as well as spreading industry support too thinly, partic-

ularly in areas where several commissaries are located close together and need to share support,” Vitikacs said. “This flexibility gives stores the opportunity to participate when they can offer customers the best selection, the best prices, and the best service.”

Commissary shoppers should check their store Web page at the locations link at www.commissaries.com for information on when their commissary is having its sale. Information on dates, days and times should be available by mid-August.

Case lot sales feature a variety of sought after items ranging from canned and paper goods, to meats and chilled items in some locations.

Since commissaries sell groceries at cost, profits are not the motivation for case lot sales, says Vitikacs. “The promise of increased sales convinces manufacturers to sell products at much lower prices than customers will find anywhere and that translates into significantly higher savings than our average of 30 percent or more.”



3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

School absences conditional
Fort Stewart Schools (Diamond and Brittin) will support recently deployed soldiers, within reason and within available resources, when requesting a student absence.

Students will be considered excused during block leave. Parents are encouraged to coordinate with the student's teacher on missed homework/class assignments.

Time away from school should be kept at a minimal.

Liberty County Schools will grant up to 5 days of unexcused absence during block leave for children of deployed soldiers.

Soldiers are required to provide a written request to the school principal which states the reason for the absence and projected dates that the student will be out of school.

Students will be allowed to make up missed homework/assignments.

Teachers will work with students to ensure that they do not fall behind in the classroom. Since Liberty County schools are required to follow the No-Child-Left-Behind mandate and are grade by attendance, students will be required to be re-enrolled in school if an absence exceeds 5 days.

Main Gate

Gate 1 has only one accessible inbound lane and one accessible out bound lane.

All inbound traffic entering through Main Gate is routed to a new four-way stop located where General Stewart Way intersects with Memorial Drive and proceeds to General Screven Way.

Construction will be on-going during this period. To alleviate the traffic flow 4th Street Gate (Gate 2/Troupe Gate) is open.

Army Family Action Plan

Training for facilitators, recorders and issue support staff 9 a.m. to noon today, at Club Stewart. Youth AFAP conference Sept. 6 at 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Club Stewart.

Delegate training Sept. 8, 8:30

a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Stewart. AFAP conference Sept. 9, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fort Stewart. Contact Vicki Wiginton or Stacy Thompson at 767-5058 for more info.

Family Assistance Center

Army Community Service at Fort Stewart scaled back its Family Assistance Center hours of operation.

New hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekends will be handled with an on call roster and phones forwarded to EOC.

Childcare needed

Military wives are needed to provide childcare in their homes. Free training and assistance offered through Youth Services' Family Childcare program. Why not consider this opportunity to make money?

For more information call 767-2311.

Education Center hours

The Main Education Center, Building 130, will continue with expanded hours due to the high demand for service. The 1st Brigade/Divarty Learning Center will return to regular business hours.

Computer access is available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

School Liaison Office

This office has moved to Bldg. 443, Room 13, Gulick Ave. (Leisure Activities Center). If you are a parent of a school age child in public or private school, the SLO needs your input!

For more information, contact Dave Smith, 767-6533.

Hire a teen

Teens need jobs! Hire them to help you with your daily tasks, such as - pet care, window cleaning, car washing, babysitting, assisting with parties and many other chores or duties.

Hunter

After-school program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program.

First through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is very limited. Those who are interested can register at Building 1286.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m.

Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

To make reservations call 269-0277.

Continuing education

Family members, mobilized Army Reservists and Army National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290.

For more information, call 352-6130. Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers.

This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter.

Volunteers will make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up.

Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours.

For more information, call 756-6516.

Morning road closure

North Perimeter Road from the 117th Tactical Control Squadron to the Stephen Douglas Street

intersection will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6-7:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri. to support unit physical fitness programs.

Ask your unit first sergeant or contact the Hunter Safety Office for Hunter's physical training policies, by calling 352-5814.

Bible study

A weekly Bible study will be held in the building adjacent to the post chapel Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Burger King

Burger King at Hunter PX will be closed for renovations and will re-open Sept. 20.

During this time Burger King will continue to operate from a portable grill in front of the PX.

Skeet Range

The skeet range is open 4-9 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Hunting and Fishing Permits, Georgia State Hunting and Fishing licenses are also sold in Bldg. 8250.

An Education course is required for an on-post hunting permit. For more information, call 352-5916

Couples Reunion Workshop

A workshop, designed to assist families dealing with the stresses of reintegration back into the family after deployment, will be held in the Hunter ACS ballroom from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday and Sept. 11.

Please call 352-6816 with the expected number of people attending and a date of the workshop attending. Free childcare will be provided.

Hunter Golf Course

Guys and Dolls Tournament, Sunday starting at 4 p.m. Fee is \$30 per couple and includes greens fee, golf cart fee, and prizes. This will be a 9-hole scramble event.

Call 352-5622 for more information.

Landmark Inn

This Inn is located at 165 Duncan Drive, and have special military rates starting at \$44 per night.

Winn Army Community Hospital

3rd Thursday Training

Services at Winn and Tuttle will be limited today for staff training. Winn will be closed 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will offer emergency care only during that time. Tuttle will be closed 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Expectant Mothers Group

The next meeting will be 9 a.m. Aug. 19 at Club Stewart. The group is open to all expectant mothers whose significant other is deployed. For more information, call 370-6779.

Exceptional family member

The next Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment orientation will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. Aug. 28 in Patriot Auditorium.

Meet other families and learn about other community support services. For more information, call 370-6505.

"Take Care of Yourself" class

The next "Take Care of Yourself" classes will be 10-11 a.m. Aug. 27 at Tuttle. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the Tuttle class, call 368-3048.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Tuttle's full-service screening is available by appointment only. The one-time appointment will walk the child through each required clinic. Appointments are held from 12:15 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until August 15. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-652-9221.

Preventive Medicine

The Department of Preventive Medicine has relocated to buildings PB473 and PB474, across from Army Community Service. For more information, call 370-5085.

Make-up School Screenings

School Health Screenings are still available at Winn. Vision and

hearing screenings are by appointment only by calling 767-6633. Dental screening is available at the sponsor's assigned dental clinic and immunizations are available on a walk-in basis 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Physical Exam Clinic

The clinic has been relocated to Soldier Family Health Clinic #2, Building 612, 767-7750.

Winn Seeks Volunteers

Winn is looking for adult volunteers to help out in a wide range of areas from administrative specialties to chaperones to certified or licensed nurses. For more information, call 370-6903.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what healthcare services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments.

For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Intervention Services

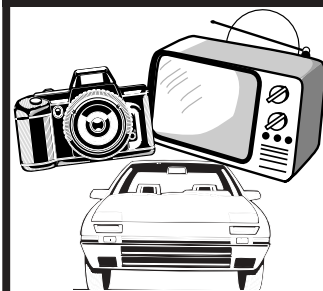
Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

See the Frontline online at www.stewart.army.mil

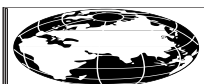
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POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Larceny of government funds, forgery, fraud, mail fraud, identity theft
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 22-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Public intoxication, criminal trespass
• **Location:** Tybee Island

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male
• **Charges:** False official statement, false report of a crime, insurance fraud
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 24th Support Group
• **Charges:** Simple assault, cruelty to children
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 36-year-old female
• **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Failure to stop at red light
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
• **Charges:** Following too closely, driving on instruction permit
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Failure to yield at intersection
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Simple assault, disorderly conduct, unlawful detention

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 66/45
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
• **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Fighting in public
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving with suspended or revoked license
• **Location:** Bloomingdale

• **Subject:** Private 2, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, operating a vehicle without tag or decal
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving on the wrong side of roadway, driving under the influence
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 30-year-old male, Headquarters Command
• **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Aggravated assault
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Division

Support Command
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, underage drinking, driving too fast for conditions
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving with unlawful blood alcohol level, failure to obey traffic control devices
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 53-year-old male
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 36-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Speeding
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 55-year-old male
• **Charges:** Simple assault - consummated with a battery, cruelty to children in the second degree
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 55-year-old female
• **Charges:** Simple assault - consummate with a battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 28-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, following too closely
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-

year-old male, Division Support Command
• **Charges:** Underage drinking
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Simple assault
• **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Assault, battery
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 30-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, no insurance, headlights required
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 24th Support Group
• **Charges:** Failure to stop at red light
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 24-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
• **Charges:** Improper backing, driving under the influence, improper equipment, restriction violation
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 18-year-old female
• **Charges:** Simple assault - consummate with a battery, trespassing, unlawful entry into a military installation
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Cadet, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Improper right turn, damage to government property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Drivers license expired, no proof of insurance, failure to stop at a stop sign
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Theft by taking
• **Location:** Hinesville

Courts-Martial

The following cases were tried by special courts-martial or general courts martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

Special Courts-Martial
United States v. Pvt. Jawara D. Hence, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Bn, 1st Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div., Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 8, the military judge found Pvt. Hence guilty of failure to repair, wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Hence to: forfeit \$767 per month for 5 months, and be confined for 5 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pfc. Danny E. Preece, Company C, 2nd Bn., 7th Inf., Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 10, the military judge found Pfc. Preece guilty of AWOL, failure to repair, wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Preece to: be reduced in rank to E-1, confined for 4 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. Michael A. Lundquist, HHC, 3rd Bn., 7th Inf. 1st Brigade, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 11, the military judge found Pvt. Lundquist guilty of failure to repair, disobey order by NCO, dereliction of duty, wrongful use of marijuana, underage drinking, wrongful possession of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Lundquist to: be confinement for 5 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Spc. Jerry E. Walker, Jr., Company D, 703rd Main Support Bn, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 15, the military judge found Spc. Walker guilty of going from appointed place of duty, missing movement, disrespect of superior officer, disobey order of superior officer, disrespect to NCO, failure to repair, false official statement. The military judge sentenced Spc. Walker to: be reduced to E-1, confined for 4 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pfc. James A. Escobedo, HHC, 3rd Bn, 15th Inf., Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 15, the military judge

found Pfc. Escobedo guilty of desertion. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Escobedo to: be reduced to E-1, confined for 3 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. William P. Billings, Transportation Company 87th Corps Support Bn., 3rd Inf. Div., Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 23, the military judge found Pvt. Billings guilty of AWOL, disobey order of NCO, unlawful entry. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Billings to: be confined for 105 days and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. Nicholas J. Scott, HHC, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cav., 3rd Inf. Div. Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 24, the military judge found Pvt. Scott guilty of AWOL, use of marijuana, use of cocaine. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Scott to: be reduced to E-1, forfeit \$767 per months for 6 months, confined for 6 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. A. Langley, Bravo Company, 3rd Bn, 15th Infantry, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On July 24, the military judge found Pvt. Langley guilty of desertion, wrongful use of marijuana. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Langley to: be confined for 8 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Pvt. Hassan M. Chebaro, HHC, 2nd Bn, 7th Infantry, 3rd Inf. Div., Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Aug. 14, the military judge found Pvt. Chebaro guilty of desertion. The military judge sentenced Pvt. Chebaro to: be confined for 5 months, forfeit \$767 for 5 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

General Courts-Martial
United States v. Spc. Victoria L. Capitini, K Company, 159th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On July 16, the military judge found Spc. Capitini guilty of larceny, attempted larceny, credit card fraud, intent to defraud. The military judge sentenced Spc. Capitini to be reduced to E-1, confined for 3 years and a bad-conduct discharge.



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